

Environmental Policy

It is INL's mission to ensure the nation's energy security with safe, competitive, and sustainable energy systems and unique national and homeland security capabilities. It is INL's vision that within the next ten years it will be the preeminent nuclear energy laboratory with synergistic, world-class, multiprogram capabilities and partnerships. Among INL's strategic objectives are to develop public trust and confidence in INL and nuclear technology, and to demonstrate world-leading safety, environmental, and operational performance.

To support this mission, vision and strategic objectives, it is INL's environmental policy to conduct research, development and demonstration for energy and national security in a manner that protects and preserves human health and the environment and is in full compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements. We implement this policy by integrating environmental requirements, pollution prevention, continual improvement into our work planning and execution, and taking actions to minimize the environmental impacts of our operations. We establish and communicate environmental responsibilities, provide environmental training to our workforce, and implement controls to mitigate environmental hazards. Through employee involvement and management commitment to environmental excellence, we will:

- Exercise world-leading environmental stewardship to protect the unique natural, biological and cultural resources of the lands and facilities managed by INL.
- Further demonstrate responsible environmental stewardship through effective resolution of legacy INL environmental issues, both independently and in concert with ICP.
- Establish documented environmental objectives and targets and update them as necessary to reflect INL's changing needs, missions, and goals.
- Measure our environmental performance and monitor our impact on the environment and communicate the results to our employees, subcontractors, stakeholders and the public.
- Promote environmental sustainability, conserve natural resources and energy, minimize toxicity and volume of waste generated, and minimize environmental impacts throughout the lifecycle of INL facilities and operations.
- Conduct all activities and manage hazardous and radioactive materials and wastes in a safe, compliant, and cost effective manner.
- Promptly identify noncompliant conditions and encourage full disclosure and open discussion regarding compliance issues. Aggressively work to resolve identified issues.
- Conduct research and develop technologies to address legacy contamination and minimize impacts on human health and the environment.
- Develop and deploy new and enhanced environmental technologies and share this expertise with other DOE sites; the community, locally and regionally; and external customers.
- Conserve natural resources by reusing and recycling materials, purchasing recycled materials, and using recyclable materials.
- Continuously improve our environmental management system through self-assessment and corrective action.

This policy applies to all persons working for or on behalf of INL. Every employee and subcontractor is expected to follow this policy and to report environmental concerns to leadership. Leaders shall promote world-leading environmental stewardship, take prompt action to address concerns and issues, and have zero tolerance for noncompliance.



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